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RE: Microsoft Settlement

Dear Ms. Hesse,

I have, as a stockholder of Microsoft, watched the antitrust proceedings with interest. It seems that the Government has worked an agreement that was fair to all parties and now wants to change terms and conditions relating to the settlement. I do not feel it is proper or fair that at this late date this be allowed to happen.

I further feel that Microsoft is not responsible for individuals that create products that can not compete in the market place because of their own shortcomings (e.g., Netscape) I am further annoyed that my government sponsors what I consider a monopoly in the AOL / Time Warner merger. Now AOL is trying use Netscape as a platform to damage a perceived competitor, MSN.

Try to visualize the PC software market before Microsoft created and organized it. Our ability to communicate, organize and interface between businesses has been improved on a scale beyond anything we could have ever imagined prior to 1980. Why... Because Microsoft and its founders had a vision. This settlement represents the best opportunity for Microsoft and the industry to move forward, therefore I hope it will end the litigation.

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